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REF: A) USNATO 2942; B) USNATO 2887; C) USNATO 2785

1. OTHER ALLIED DELEGATIONS HAVE EXPRESSED TO USNATO SURPRISE AND CONCERN
THAT US EXPERTS DID NOT ATTEND LAST TWO REINFORCED ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MEETINGS, WHICH THEY SEE AS EVIDENCE OF WANING US INTEREST IN NATO ECONOMIC WORK. THEY PARTICULARLY REMARKED ON MAY 30 MEETING ON COMMUNIST AID AND TRADE WITH LDC'S WHERE US WAS AUTHOR OF THE BASIC

DOCUMENT FOR CONSIDERATION. FRG DEL QUESTIONED US ECONAD ABOUT APPARENT LACK OF INTEREST INDICATED BY ABSENCE OF US EXPERT WHICH CONTRASTS SHARPLY WITH EMPHASIS WHICH US HAS EXPRESSED IN NAC ON NEED FOR CONSULTATIONS AND EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON PROBLEMS OUTSIDE THE TREATY AREA.

2. WE EXPECT EXPERTS FROM MAJOR ALLIED NATIONS TO ATTEND FORTHCOMING MEETING ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS IN CHINA ON JUNE 13 AND ESTIMATE OF SOVIET BALANCE OF PAYMENTS IN CONVERTIBLE CURRENCIES ON JUNE 27
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(REFS A AND B). FOR EXAMPLE, FOR THE MEETING ON CHINA, THE UK WILL BE SENDING AN OFFICER RECENTLY RETURNED FROM UK EMBASSY IN PEKING AND IN ADDITION A RESEARCH SPECIALIST FROM LONDON. UK DECISION TO BRING MAN FROM PEKING IS IN PART RESULT OF EXCELLENT MAY 16-17

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MEETINGS ON GDR AND DZECHOSLOVAKIA, WHEN PRESENCE OF US EXPERTS
FROM US MISSION BERLIN AND EMBASSY PRAGUE AS WELL AS THE DEPARTMENT
ADDED GREATLY TO BREADTH AND VALUE OF DISCUSSION (REF C).

3. MISSION BELIEVES IT IMPORTANT THAT US SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO THESE

MEETINGS. PLEASE ADVISE NAMES, OFFICES, GOVERNMENT GRADES, AND
SECURITY CLEARANCES OF EXPERTS WHO WILL ATTEND.
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